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SUBJECT: LETTER TO AFL-CIO URGING CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
ILO

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM DOMEI PRESIDENT AMAIKE,
MAILED TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY ON JULY 28, URGING
AFL-CIO TO SUPPORT CONTINUED U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN ILO:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER MEANY,

I WAS VERY HAPPY TO MEET YOU AT THE DOMEI/AFL-CIO ANNUAL
MEETING IN MAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KINDEST AND
WARMEST HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US.

I HAVE MUCH APPRECIATED THE FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS
DURING THE MEETING, THROUGH WHICH WE COULD DEEPEN OUR MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND PROMOTE ALL THE MORE FRATERNITY AND SOLIDAR-
ITY BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

AT THE MEETING, WE TOUCHED UP ON THE WEIGHTY PROBLEMS
CONFRONTING THE ILO: HOW TO BRING THE ORGANIZATION BACK TO
PROCEEDING ON ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PURSUING ITS ORIGINAL
PURPOSE.

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AFTER RETURNING TO TOKYO, I CONVENED THE DETAILS OF OUR
DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM TO THE DOMEI DELEGATES TO THE 63RD
ILO CONFERENCE, AND REQUESTED THEM TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TOWARD
IMPROVEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION.

HOWEVER, TO MY GREAT REGRET, I LEARNED FROM THE DELEGATES
THAT IN SPITE OF THEIR GREAT EFFORTS THE CONFERENCE COULD NOT

OBTAIN ANY CONCRETE PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER.

AS NOVEMBER, THE TIME LIMIT OF THE SPECIFIED TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL APPROACHES, I AM WORRYING ABOUT THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL.

IF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY PEOPLE WHO WILL USE IT FOR DESTRUCTIVE POLITICAL PURPOSES CONTRARY TO OUR INTERESTS, THE ORGANIZATION'S BASIC AIMS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE WEAKENED FURTHER AND UNDESIRABLE TENDENCIES WITHIN OZV INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE INCREASED.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE DOMEI DELEGATES, ALTHOUGH THE ILO CONFERENCE FAILED TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE SUCCESS, INCREASING NUMBER OF OUR UNION COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEGUN TO CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE FUTURE OF THE ILO AND THEY HAVE SUPPORTED EFFORTS FOR THE STEP BY STEP IMPROVEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION.

LOOKING BACK AT LAST TWO YEARS, SOLIDARITY OF FREE COUNTRIES HAS BEEN INCREASED, PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNED INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEMOCRACIES. WHILE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERS ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, NEVERTHELESS, OUR JOINT EFFORT IN FAVOR OF ADOPTION SUCCEEDED IN DRAWING

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WORLDWIDE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY WORKERS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE. IN THIS SENSE WE ACHIEVED MAJOR VICTORY BECAUSE IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE MASS MEDIA HAVE IGNORED THESE REPORT.

I BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE ILO IS AND MUST BE INDISPENSABLE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE FORCES WHICH ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE ILO AND THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY EVEN GREATER ROLE IN THE ILO FOR THE SAKE OF FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU, PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, WILL TAKE THE ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION AND WILL DECIDE TO SUPPORT TO CONTINUED UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO.

WITH PERSONAL GREETINGS. END QUOTE
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